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1. SUMMARY: IN A POLITICAL SPEECH MARCH 18 TO A BARANGAY
POLICE GROUP, PRESIDENT MARCOS AGAIN RAISED THE ISSUE OF
"FOREIGN MEDDLING" IN BEHALF OF OPPOSITION LEADER BENIGNO
AQUINO AND HIS LABAN GROUP. MARCOS PREDICTED "A BLOODY
REVOLUTION" IF EVEN A SINGLE LABAN CANDIDATE IS ALLOWED TO
WIN A SEAT IN THE INTERIM LEGISLATURE. END SUMMARY.

2. FOLOWING ARE EXERPTS FROM MANILA PRESS REPORTS OF
MARCOS' SPEECH:

3. DAILY EXPRESS. QUOTE: IN URGING THE PEOPLE NOT TO VOTE

FOR ANY OF THE OPPOSITION CANDIDATES, THE PRESIDENT SAID
THAT THE ELECTION OF EVEN A SINGLE LABAN CANDIDATE COULD
BRING ABOUT A BLOODY REVOLUTION BECAUSE, HE SAID, THE
OPPOSITION HAD ALLOWED ITSELF TO BE IN INSTRUMENT FOR THE
RETURN TO POWER OF FOREIGN INTERESTS. "HOW CAN THEY
SERVE THE COUNTRY WHEN THEY ARE MERE TOOLS OF FOREIGN
ELEMENTS WHO SEEK TO DIVIDE THE PEOPLE IN ORDER TO RETURN
TO POWER AND ENSLAVE THEM?" THE PRESIDENT ASKED. THE
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PRESIDENT RECALLED THAT WHEN HE ANNOUNCED THAT DETAINEES
COULD RUN FOR THE IBP, HE WAS APPROACHED BY SOME FOREIGNERS
WHO ASKED HIM TO FREE AN OPPOSITION CANDIDATE OR LET HIM GO
TO THE UNITED STATES. HE POINTED OUT THAT WHEN HE ASKED
THE FOREIGNERS IF THEY ARE READY TO ANSWER TO THE PEOPLE
FOR THE FACT THAT THEY ARE INTERESTED IN CERTAIN CANDIDATE
AND ARE INTERFERING IN THE AFFAIRS OF A SOVERIGN GOVERNMENT,

THEY WITHDREW THEIR REQUEST. END QUOTE.

4. TIMES JOURNAL. QUOTE: THE PRESIDENT SAID HE IS

PERSONALLY CAMPAIGNING ACTIVELY FOR THE KBL TICKET NOT ONLY
BECAUSE OF THE OPPOSITION'S BLACK PROPAGANDA AGAINST HIM AND
HIS FAMILY, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY BECAUSE HE COULD "SENSE A
DANGER TO THE NATION" FROM THOSE WHO SEEK TO MEDDLE IN THE
COUNTRYS INTERNAL AFFAIRS. HE REITERATED HIS CHARGE THAT
SOME OPPOSITION CANDIDATES ARE MAKING THEMSELVES "TOOLS OF
FOREIGNERS" AND THAT THEIR ELECTION TO THE INTERIM BATASANG
PAMBALSA, "WILL SOW THE SEEDS OF THE TROUBLE." STRONG
FOREIGN PRESSURES, HE SAID, WERE BEHIND AN ATTEMPT TO FREE
AQUINO FOR THE CURRENT POLITICAL CAMPAIGN BUT THAT HE
RESISTED THE PRESSURE TO SHOW THE FOREIGN ELEMENTS THAT THE
FILIPINOS CANNOT BE THREATENED TO ACT AGAINST THEIR
OWN INTERESTS. HE SAID THAT IF AQUINO IS RELEASED, THE
EX-SENATOR COULD NEVER BE EXPECTED TO PLACE THE INTERESTS
OF HIS COUNTRY AHEAD OF THE FOREIGN INTERESTS BECAUSE
HE WOULD BE BEHOLDEN TO THEM. THE PRESIDENT WARNED THAT
IF ANY OF THE CANDIDATES RECEIVING FOREIGN ASSISTANCE GETS
ELECTED, HE (THE CANDIDATE) WOULD MAKE IT ATTRACTIVE FOR
FUTURE LEADERS TO SEEK FOREIGN DOLEOUTS. THERE ARE MANY
STATE SECRETS, HE SAID, WHICH HE COULD NOT REVEAL INVOLVING
PEOPLE HE CONSIDERS "TOOLS OF FOREIGNERS" IN MEDDLING
ATTEMPTS BY FOREIGN INTERESTS. "SOMEDAY, WHEN I WRITE THE
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STORY OF THIS GENERATION, I WILL PUT IT DOWN IN BLACK AND
WHITE SO THAT SUCCEEDING GENERATIONS WILL NOT COMMIT THE
SAME ERRORS AND BANALITIES COMMITTED AGAINST OUR PEOPLE,"
THE PRESIDENT SAID. HE ASKED THE ELECTORATE NOT TO ALLOW
A SINGLE OPPOSITION CANDIDATE TO WIN IN THE ELECTION AND END
ONCE AND FOR ALL THE PROBLEM OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE FOR
POLITICAL ASPIRANTS. END QUOTE.
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